

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5505

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CORRUPTION IN BCCL WORKING

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the officials of BCCL are minting money keeping the safety measures on their foot;
- (b) Whether the contracts were given for filling up abandoned mines with sand to avert flooding;
- (c) if so, the reasons for not filling the sand in the mines and huge amount has been paid to contractors;
- (d) whether the Government propose to investigate into the corruption in BCCL working;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether the inquiry committee conducted for Bagdigi mine account has since given its report as reported in the `Indian Express` dated March 21, 2001;
- g) if so, the facts of the of the matter reported therein;
- h) the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- i) the action taken or proposed to be taken against the officers of BCCL found negligent in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a): Safety measures are being given appropriate attention.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): The sand filling after extraction of coal is done departmentally. Sand is filled by hydraulic sand stowing wherever required as per DGMS permission. Sand is transported/ supplied contractually but a proper record of the same is maintained in the collieries with cross check to eliminate malpractices and the contractor is paid for the minimum amount after the cross check.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise in view of reply to part (d) above.

(f),(g)&(h): A court of inquiry headed by Justice Gurusharan Sharma of the Jharkhand High Court has been constituted by the Ministry of Labour under Section 24(i) of the Mine Act, 1952.

(i) Appropriate action will be taken after the report of the Court of Inquiry is received.